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FRED JASHANMAL

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Freshman Athletes of the Year

At 6-foot eight, Fred Jashanmal intimidates the other collegiate competition in OCAA basketball. Playing centre for the Knights this year he has been rated 10 in scoring for the year.

Playing forward for the Women's Basketball Team, Nancy Thomson from Smith Falls, Ont., has been considered the most congenial player.

Did you do it?

Spring ahead; fall back.

Those are the instructions for remembering what to do with clocks as Eastern Daylight Time makes its debut.

When is that?

Yesterday, of course.

If you forgot to do it, that' why you were late for cl.. this morning.

Delays in tentative contract

The planned ratification vote on the tentative contract settlement will be delayed to give the teachers' union more time to study the language of the settlement, a teachers' negotiating team release said.

"Since the end of mediation, there have arisen a number of contrasting areas of understanding in the view of the negotiating team," the release said.

The negotiating team met with representatives from the Council of Regents, representing the colleges, on April 16 "in an effort to resolve major discrepancies," but the two sides were unable to resolve all aspects of the workload settlement.

Agreement on the tentative settlement was reached on April 7. Bargaining has been going on since last spring and the teachers have been working without a contract since August.

Wants Niagara smoke-free

By DOUGLAS IVES
Staff Writer

Dr. G.J. Alexander, one of four doctors who work at the college during the week, would like to see both students and staff refrain from smoking in all college buildings.

If people continue to smoke in the college, the risks of tobacco smoking to both smoker and non-smoker warrant a total ban, Dr. Alexander said. If this situation continues, he would be committed to "a real drive to make this (the college) a smoke-free environment.

Mohawk College, which has taken action against smoking by using an educational approach to help people stop, is planning a limited ban this fall.

Niagara College nurse Marian Kerr has had good response to a letter she sent faculty and staff. She said a number of people have enrolled in a program to help themselves stop smoking. The program offered by the Lung Association is called countdown; it consists of seven 1½-hour sessions over a five-week period. There is a registration fee of $75. More information can be obtained from the Lung Association in Welland.

Dr. Alexander said smoking is responsible for numerous negative health effects such as: emphysema, lung cancer, increased heart rate, increased cholesterol deposits in the arteries, premature aging of the skin and is especially dangerous to pregnant women causing low birth weights and increasing the risk of spontaneous abortion.

An American Environmental Protection Agency study shows tobacco smoke in the workplace kills about 500 non-smokers every year in Canada and 30,000 people die from smoking directly.

Dr. Alexander said a ban on smoking in only certain areas of the college would be ineffective because the ventilation system would circulate the smoke throughout the building. He said some hospitals have tried to confine smoking to certain rooms but smoke was taken into the halls and the rest of the building by people entering and leaving.

It is sometimes the politically expedient solution to impose limited bans but they are useless unless the areas are directly ventilated outside, he said.

LIMITED BAN

Dr. Margaret Bridge, head of the smoking policy committee at Mohawk, said the college is going to use a limited ban and allow smoking areas where the ventilation system is going to be directly linked outside. The cost of modifying the present system is not yet known.

Mohawk is also starting programs to help people stop smoking. Both Dr. Alexander and Dr. Bridge said education of the public about the harmful effects of smoking is the key to helping people stop.

Dr. Alexander said people should be able to make it through the working day without smoking and feels a ban would not interfere with their right to smoke. "The freedom is still there if they want to smoke in their homes but they should not smoke in confined public places."

Any stress people may feel can be relieved by going for a walk instead of smoking and smoking actually increases stress.

Dr. Alexander and Dr. Bridge both feel the government will eventually legislate bans on smoking at the workplace.

Dr. Alexander said there are many different pollutants in the air at the workplace but smoking is the most serious and easiest to control.

Niagara College first, use satellite at parade

Niagara College is providing national coverage of this year's 27th annual Blossom Festival parade in Niagara Falls. The college will be the first in Canada to use a satellite to do so, Keith Lindberg, Media Centre manager, said.

The college is hooking up to an Anik C-3 satellite to provide live coverage of the parade, across Canada and for 20 of the United States.

The Media Centre, in cooperation with the Niagara Promotion Association, Armstrong Communications Ltd., and Maclean-Hunter Cable TV, will provide coverage on May 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Teleset Canada is providing the link-up and satellite time. The college cannot hold its own temporary network licence so Armstrong Communications is holding it for them, Mr. Lindberg said.

SINCE 1974

The college has provided local coverage for the parade since 1974. The Media Centre tapes it and gives it to local cable companies in the Niagara Region.

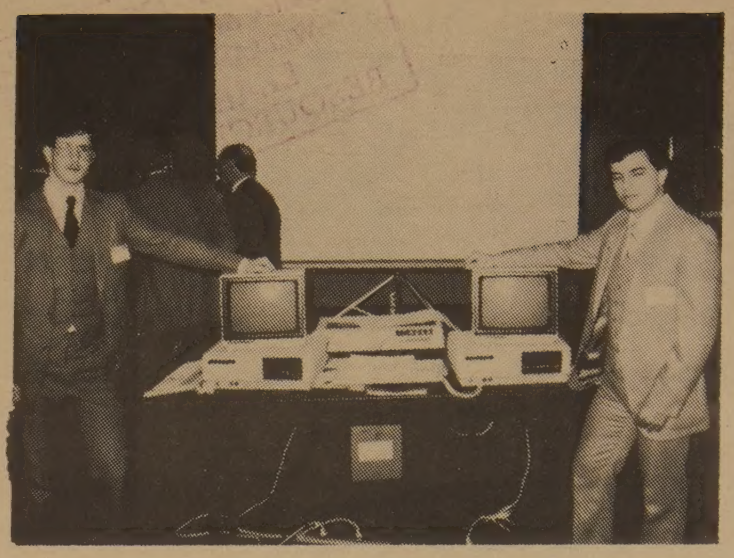
In 1985, coverage of the parade was expanded to cover all of Ontario, and 27 cities in eight provinces from coast to coast.

Teleset Canada is providing the satellite equipment, space and time to transmit the signal from the parade site to the satellite. Other cable companies across Canada will receive a live and tape-delay copy of the parade so the western provinces can show it at a more reasonable hour.

If the parade were held during the school year, it would be a radio and television project, Mr. Lindberg said. But as it is, 14 students from RTV are asked to join the crew of 22 for the parade. There are two or three professionals on hand for the commentary.

This year's hosts are Frank Proctor and Diane Nyland Proctor, professional broadcasters.

The college will receive promotion from the venture when college president Jacqueline Robarts provides the opening messages, giving information about the college to the broad audience anticipated for the parade, Mr. Lindberg said.



Carl Calvert, James Mallory and Roger Yurkiw presenting their innovative ideas to business representatives at the Parkway Inn.
Photo by Martin Pokol

Students show glimpse of future to local business representatives

By MARTIN POKOL
Staff Writer

A glimpse of the future by Niagara College technical students includes computer-programed robotics and electronic weather stations which could improve efficiency and production in both agriculture and industry.

Five third-year technical students presented this year's work to faculty members, and local business representatives at the annual Tech Report Night sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), at the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines, April 10.

James Mallory, Roger Yurkiw, Oliver Gnass, Jay Yatulis, and Carl Calvert presented technical reports to representatives from General Motors of Canada, Union Carbide, Goodwill Electrical Supplies, Washington Mills, and Cyanimid.

James Mallory and Roger Yurkiw presented a low cost office system called Local Area Networking, enabling a group of computers linked together to work more efficiently.

"This is a versatile system," Roger said. It enables businesses or schools to link a network of computer terminals together, and run them off one main hard disk, and use only one printer.

A computer program which uses today's robotics technology, combined with computers, was designed by Oliver Gnass, a third-year computer technical student.

A computer controls the robots which perform the menial tasks freeing men from repetitious jobs in industry.

The idea of writing a program of this nature is to "make it friendly and simple so anyone can operate it."

Though robots are a possibility in the house today, there are no programs available to run them, he said.

For the homeowner or farmer, Jay Yatulis, third-year electronics engineering program, designed an inexpensive weather station. Having the windspeed, wind direction, temperature, and the barometric pressure tied into the computer terminal, the user is better able to forecast trends in the weather. The system has a working range between -30 Celsius and 45 Celsius.

With all the high tech sound equipment on the market today, Carl Calvert, an amateur musician as well as a student in his third year in computer technology, decided to work on a project that combined both his skills as a musician and as an engineer.

An oscilloscope, combined with an Apple computer, enables the technician to check a piece of electrical equipment, and repair the problem.

The oscilloscope can be used to fix any piece of equipment that receives a signal, Carl said. There are many offshoots for this type of technology.

Larry R. Vaughan, a graduate of Niagara College's technical program a year ago, was the master of ceremonies. Technology is expanding so quickly that if people in the business do not keep up with retraining, they will fall behind in the field, he said.

Niagara College has the third largest chapter of the IEEE in Canada. It is a professional organization throughout the world; the IEEE sets the standards in electrical and electronical engineering. It is an organization for both students and professional engineers.

Ed Neethling, president of this year's college chapter, organized the evening at the Parkway Inn.

Cabs On Patrol aid in stopping crimes

By SUSAN DORSEY
Staff Writer

A 14-foot canary yellow canoe walking down the street caught the eye of six-year cab driver Tim Barnes.

"No matter who you are, at four in the morning a canoe with legs looks suspicious," Mr. Barnes said.

This is when the year-old program of Cabs On Patrol (COP) went into action.

Following instructions, Mr. Barnes radioed his dispatcher, giving his car number, location and a description of what was happening. His dispatcher called the police and the suspect carrying the stolen canoe was caught six blocks away.

In February, 1985, COP, which had been active in Toronto for a number of years, was started in Welland.

Eighteen-year police officer Sergeant Laurie Leonard, program co-ordinator of COP, said he realizes the cab driver is obligated to the company first and then the program.

Niagara Regional police met with the taxi drivers and explained what they were to do if anything looked suspicious.

DON'T GET INVOLVED

A cab driver is not to get involved in the prevention of the crime, just report it and keep within visual range of the suspect.

When everything is over, a statement is given to the police and the driver may have to testify in court, Mr. Barnes said.

The COP stickers, displayed on the 4500 taxis cost $8 each. Willie's Meter Shop in Toronto offered to pay for the stickers for the companies because they felt it was a worthwhile program, Sgt. Leonard said, but the local cab companies wanted to pay to show their support.

"After examining the Toronto program we found the decals were an important part indicating participation," Sgt. Leonard said.

Two decals must be bought, one for each side of the taxi.

Rose City Taxi company does not carry the stickers on their cabs because of vandalism to which two 4500 taxis have been subjected. No money is received from the police or insurance companies to cover the damage costs.

Some reimbursement was promised by police for the cab drivers but nothing has been received for any of the crimes reported.

Sgt. Leonard and a committee will meet in September at the end of the program year. They will evaluate Award Eligibility Forms which are filled out with the taxi company and cab driver's name. Along with the names is a brief description of what happened and the agency which was called.

Sgt. Leonard said this part of the program is still in the initial stages but there may be first, second and third prizes.

Participation is an important part of this program and it is up to the individual driver to decide the level of involvement.

"The program is good for the police but the guys we testify against will get out of jail eventually. What then?" Mr. Barnes said.

SAC course on business

Business management for SAC personnel is a special course designed for the Student Administrative Council.

The course involves 25 hours of classroom work in which the participants learn how SAC fits into the college, how to plan the year, communication, organization, and how to work together.

The 25 hours are spread over a two-day period, one in April and the other in September.

In addition to classroom time, members are judged by their performance in SAC. If their work is satisfactory, they receive a business elective credit.

"It is a practical learning experience because they learn theory and then they apply it," Morris Bosey, co-ordinator of counselling and health service, and a SAC adviser, said.

Ontario health reports show

Permissive behavior causes disease

By JOSEPH McCARTHY
Staff Writer

The age of permissive behavior has given birth to an ominous harbinger — a society dominated by more than 21 sexually transmissible diseases.

Many of the people affected by these diseases, both men and women, range in age from 15 to 59.

In 1984, the Ontario Ministry of Health reported 1,024 cases of genital chlamydia. By September 1985, 3,660 cases of chlamydia had been reported. In nine months this represented an increase of 28 per cent.

The rise of chlamydia trachomatis has startled medical researchers because of its growth as an infectious agent causing genital infections.

In the United States, chlamydia is estimated to have infected three to four million people each year. It causes pelvic inflammation in thousands of women, and is a leading cause of infertility.

Higher birth risks

Chlamydial infections during pregnancies increase the risks of premature and stillborn births. Babies who pass through the birth canals of infected mothers develop conjunctivitis, an inflammation of the eye, or pneumonia. Chlamydia is thought to be the cause for an alarming increase in ectopic (tubal) pregnancies.

"Since each one of these pregnancies represents one fetal death, this constitutes an epidemic of fetal deaths," said Dr. King K. Holmes, an STD authority in Seattle, Washington.

Washington's King County which includes Seattle has allocated $120,000 for a community-wide chlamydia-screening program.

In the United States, statistics indicate that up to 10 per cent of all college students are afflicted with chlamydia. In Canada, statistics are under-reported because of the high cost associated with the test for chlamydia detection. Besides costing $200, the test does not always detect the presence of chlamydia, a spokesman for the Regional Health Unit said.

In the Niagara Region, more than 661 cases of STD were reported for 1985. According to a Niagara Health Unit spokesman, "these numbers represented the cases that we know of and obviously, there are many more that we have no knowledge of." This also was an increase of 180 over those reported in 1984.

"Chlamydial infections are epidemic in the United States, yet they are neither well recognized nor correctly treated in many instances," Dr. Holmes said. Greater awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of chlamydial infections, as well as treatment of sex partners of patients with chlamydial infections, by practising physicians, could begin to have a major impact on the epidemic.

As one local doctor said, "It's not so important how many partners you have, but how many associates your partners have had."

Help available

At present, there are three clinics for those people seeking information on sexually transmitted diseases in the Niagara Region: Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland.

The fact that an act of indiscriminate sex can lead to a serious case of STD, which can lie inactive only to rekindle and infect a faithful mate or, as in pregnancy, a child, should be enough to make most people stop and think twice — Is it all worth it?

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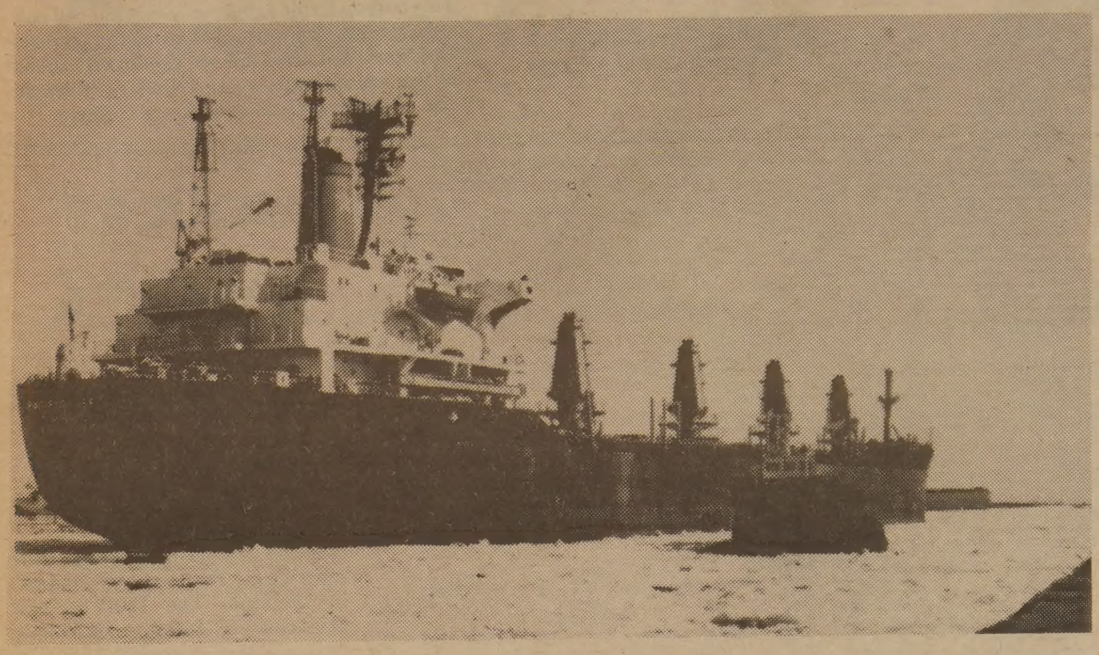

Early Spring break-up

Niagara Jazz Band playing in Calgary

The Niagara College Jazz Band has been invited to perform for the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) in Calgary on May 28.

The 19-piece band will be the first performance group in a show called And All That Jazz being produced for the ACCC's annual conference. Other musical groups are the Red Deer College Jazz Choir and Jazz Instrumental Group and the Medicine Hat College Jazz Ensemble. The show is co-sponsored by Jazz Clagary.

"The college is very proud the band is going to Calgary," Bea Clark, a manager of continuing education services, said.

Niagara College has one of the best jazz bands in Canada, said Mrs. Clark. It has won a number of provincial and national stage band competition awards.

Besides performances at the college and in-school concerts, the band plays a summer concert-in-the-park series at Queenston Heights; Lakeside Park, Montebello Park, St. Catharines; Beaverdams Park, Thorold; and various parks in Niagara Falls.

ON REQUEST

Mrs. Clark said the band is well accepted and will play public performances on request.

The band was formed in the late 1970s, from a continuing education course offered for people who can play a musical instrument. Many of the musicians are original members.

The band practises every Monday in the television arts studio under the direction of Laura Thomas of Hamilton.

Every year, ACCC asks colleges to offer performing arts groups to the conference. Niagara College submitted a recording of the band which was produced last summer. The ACCC selection committee liked the record and is sponsoring an all expense-paid trip to Calgary. In the Calgary program the band will perform at least two numbers from the album.

The record sells for $9 and can be bought at the book store and in continuing education services.

Members of the band will be wearing blue Niagara College blazers paid for by record and concert sales.

"We want the band to look as good as possible," Mrs. Clark said.

Band members leave May 27, and return May 29.

Ham Radio loses $4,000 in gear

Four thousand dollars worth of ham radio equipment was stolen from the Amateur Radio Club April 16.

Two transceivers and one amplifier were taken, but in the same room the robbers left a $2,000 Aftek computer, Doug Mahon, a club member, said. "They knew what they wanted."

This crime wiped out the Amateur Radio Club's budget for this year and probably next. There was no word on insurance, or whether the club is covered for this type of loss, instructor Roy Blake said.

John Middleton, a computer electronics student, said this is very specialized equipment and only a small group of people could make use of it.

The first to notice the theft, Kevin Culp and Ron Gasparini, though that someone had cleaned up the club room, not cleaned it out.

AGAINST STUDENTS

Mr. Blake was shocked at the "deplorable act." The equipment was owned by the Student Administrative Council not the college. "Its like stealing from the students," Mr. Blake said.

The Computer Club and the Amateur Radio Club share L-11. The night of the robbery, computer members did not leave the school until 10 p.m., but were in and out of the club room and the computer tech lab across the hall.

Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, informed the police who were already on the campus investigating a broken window in Hennepin Hall.

Whoever took the equipment knew exactly what they wanted, because it can't be used for any general purpose, Mr. Spittle said.

Kevin told the St. Catharines Amateur Radio Club of the theft and asked if they would look out for the equipment if it is sold or serviced in the area.

Peace tour to Russia

Jennie Griffiths, a Niagara College English teacher, has always been concerned about women having a say in decision-making, especially on matters of peace. A member of the Voice of Women organization for more than 20 years, she will have an opportunity to be a delegate for peace when she goes on a two-week Canadian Women for Peace tour to Russia in June.

"This will be an educational experience for me," Mrs. Griffiths said.

"I think it is a marvellous opportunity for a woman, and it will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me, as I have always been committed to the peace issue."

GATHER FACTS

Mrs. Griffiths will use the trip as a fact-finding mission. She hopes to gather information and material on the women's movement in the U.S.S.R. to bring back for women's groups here.

The trip across four Soviet republics will include meetings with Soviet women's organizations, the Soviet Peace Committee and the editorial board of the magazine Soviet Women.

"I am looking forward to getting together with the Soviet women to exchange dialogue, to know their view on peace, and to build bridges of friendship," Mrs. Griffiths said.

The tour which can accommodate from eight to 16 women, will leave on June 16 and return June 30.

Mrs. Griffiths' affiliation with the Voice of Women has involved her in many issues related to peace. Various women's groups, including the Voice of Women, launched an active campaign against the manufacturing of war toys. Not long after the manufacturers were forced to reduce the production of the toys as women shoppers were not buying from them.

The year 1986 is The Year of Peace as declared by the United Nations organization. Mrs. Griffiths said it is ironic that in this Year of Peace, President Reagan ordered the bombing of Tripoli. But despite these setbacks, there is always hope for peace.

Growing demand for bilingualism

By KATHLEEN HARVEY
Staff Writer

Training students to meet the growing demand in the workforce for bilingualism is a challenge met by Claire Moccio ,37, Niagara College's new administrator of French Language Services.

In her short time as administrator, Mrs. Moccio has developed and launched two new adult training courses and is planning to implement new programs next year.

Reaching out to the French community and to students of Niagara College to service their needs and interests is an important aspect of her work, Mrs. Moccio said.

"We attempt to help as many students as we can," she said.

Although Mrs. Moccio moved to the Niagara Region in 1970 from Quebec City, she has kept her French culture. Her accent and enthusiastic gestures reveal her French spirit.

She likes to be involved in the community and is a member of the ACFO, (Association Canadienne francaise de l'Ontario), an organization designed to increase services available to francophones. The ACFO helps the

CLAIRE MOCCIO

francophones of the Niagara district to be involved in education, leisure and cultural activities.

This is a definite need because many francophones who settled in the Welland area were unable to pursue further education because it wasn't available in French. This left many illiterate, Mrs. Moccio said.

Her first two successful courses were designed to fill this need: to train francophones who are entering or re-entering the workforce and to give them basic communication skills.

With immersion programs increasing, there is a demand for more courses to accommodate graduating bilingual students, Mrs. Moccio said. A new law is supposed to be introduced and, if accepted, it will force some civil servants in certain sectors to become bilingual.

Mrs. Moccio believes health services will need both English and French-speaking personnel.. A new program for francophones in health services is planned for September or January of next year. She would like programs in French for technical and business students and a career planning course for women, she said.

"Employers call us back and want to hire more bilingual students," Mrs. Moccio said. She encourages English students to pursue French as a second language. The graduating bilingual students will find jobs faster, she said.

Mrs. Moccio has taught at the college for the last five years as a French teacher in the three bilingual postsecondary programs; at the same time, she earned a master's degree in education from Brock University.

She became administrator of French Language Services last November.

Retires after 14 years

Dorothy Vollick, a part-time fashion merchandising teacher, will be retiring this year after teaching at Niagara College for 14 years in the Fashion Arts department.

"You must love what you are doing and you must like young people,"she said when explaining why she enjoyed her teaching career. The hurdles can be pretty tough and she wants her students to have the opportunity to have one foot in the door of their career before they enter the workplace.

Upon retirement Mrs. Vollick wants to "take time and smell the roses." Indeed she will, for one of her favorite hobbies is flower and vegetable gardening. Also, she will take part in lawn bowling throughout the Niagara peninsula.

Mrs. Vollick belongs to a craft guild and she knits and sews. Other activities she will enjoy will be bridge, reading and her grandchildren's soccer games which she "attends religiously."

Her greatest goal, however, is to "see if I can find Dorothy Vollick, not the business woman," she said. Mrs. Vollick intends to do this search for herself through travel "while the budget holds out."

Mrs. Vollick worked as a central buyer before she took the opportunity to teach which she has always wanted to do. Although she worked her way up in her career, she does not want to give the impression that schooling is unnecessary.

Now after about 34 years in the merchandise business, she has decided to retire. Her students described her as being a good and caring teacher.

Editorials

Man's goal is peace

A question that arises in all minds at one time or another during our lives is, "What is the purpose of all this?" Why was mankind created, what is our destiny here?

Many have pondered.

Some claw their way up the ladder of success to feel their importance here has been achieved. Others strive relentlessly to gather as many material prizes as possible to mark their importance.

Many form protest groups to fight for their beliefs. Some even fight for World Peace, a phrase that seems unattainable in this day and age.

Whatever road man chooses to take, there is a common goal — a goal to find happiness! It is in this respect that each individual is the same.

The end seems so near when one thinks of world power struggles and the possibility of nuclear holocaust. For the common individual the power to control this seems so far removed.

Perhaps it is out of our control; yet, peace, understanding, and human compassion can be attained within each individual's small network of interwoven relationships.

All can be found guilty for mistreatment of our fellow man at one time or another; after all, we are human and do make mistakes. But in our search for peace and happiness in the world, we can take the initiative and deal with people right around us, here and now.

It has been said it is the weak who are cruel and kindness can only be expected from the strong. Should we not all strive to be stronger persons? Would the world not be a better place to live?

Perhaps the answer to mankind's existence cannot be found, but man's common goal is not out of reach, if we would only reach out and touch someone.

Susan Bacon

Living with bombs

The world is being led into the age of nuclear weapons, partly willingly and partly with a slowly tightening noose around its neck.

When the nuclear age started in 1945 with the bombing of Hiroshima, the world did not realize the terror it was going to live in from that time on.

Right now, divided between the two major shareholders of the nuclear race, there are enough nuclear weapons in the world to kill everybody 100 times over.

During the 70s, peace demonstrations were held; in the 80s, 30 per cent of high school students think they will die from a nuclear war.

Nuclear energy is a large power source, but people seem more interested in developing weapons of destruction than needed power plants.

In the race for nuclear supremacy, people are forgetting what kind of power one nuclear weapon has. A single 20 megaton bomb can annihilate Hamilton and leave the surrounding area a deadly place of radioactive rock.

Is that what the world leaders really want for their countries? Death, destruction and disease are the only end available if we continue along as we are. Life is so beautiful, why destroy the most important thing any person has in their possession?

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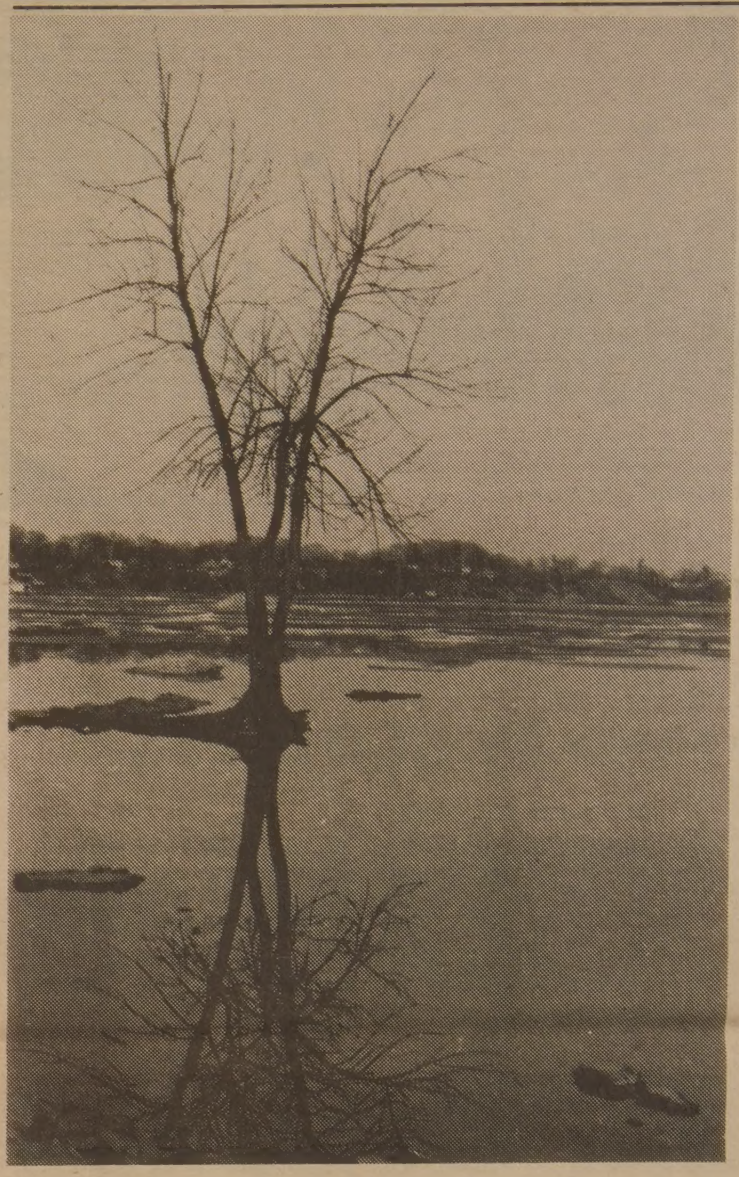


Sun works magic

Little by little the sun works its magic as the ice slowly melts on Lake Erie. Soon, beachballs and boats will invade this quiet cove of Reeb's Bay, just west of Port Colborne.
Photo by CARRI EMERICK

Curriculum committee

Curriculum committees give students in each program the opportunity to make recommendations concerning curriculum and course objectives.

The committees provide a forum for faculty, students and administration to meet together and review all aspects of curriculum and its relevancy to the needs of students, Robert Baddeley said.

Mr. Baddeley, chairman of allied health and preschool education, sees the committees as an opportunity for students to effect changes. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is now part of the Health Care Aide and Hospital Orderly program because of student demand, he said.

Dennis Malone, chairman of communications, social sciences and general studies, sees curriculum committees as providing "regular student review of program curricula as they are receiving them." The committees are a "student forum to review courses and provide feedback to teachers," he said.

He cited one occasion when broadcasting students presented a well documented account of inefficient equipment; the result was that when funds became available they went directly into purchasing new equipment for the program.

Anthony Backler, chairman of chemical, electrical and electronics, considers curriculum committees a "communication liaison vehicle" for student ideas and concerns to be considered during course changes.

Student representative Susan Bacon considers the curriculum committees "great" and feels they are needed for students to be able to express how they feel about their current classes.

Students "have a chance to have input" into decisions made regarding their education, Susan said.

She believes curriculum committee input has helped to change AVT typing as a course requirement for Journalism-print. "Students have been unhappy with it for years" she said.

Curriculum committees exist for students to express their ideas and feelings about their courses. They are only as effective as the students wish them to be.

Services of WDCA re-open

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

A new, revived organization is starting its first year of business in Welland. The Welland and District Citizen Advocacy Organization opened its doors in December 1985, and is looking forward to a successful year.

The WDCA is an organization designed to "make matches between unpaid persons and disabled or disenfranchised persons in the community."

Vi Moncur and Penny Ort are the co-ordinators/recruiters, who interview interested persons and try to make a match between both parties.

The organization first began in 1982, but was shut down after money from a Canada Works grant ran out. The re-opening was made possible by a provincial government grant from Trillium Foundation.

The main purpose of the WDCA is to make a match for someone who may be mentally or physically handicapped or impaired to a volunteer (advocate) who acts as a friend on on behalf of that person. Interviews are given to both parties to make sure they are "right" for each other, and can get along fairly well.

The volunteer is named an advocate. "It is a competent citizen volunteer who, with the support of an independent back-up system, represents, as if they were his own, the interests of another person who is in some way impaired or handicapped."

Board members help in the fundraising end of the organization while the staff makes presentations. A 10-minute slide presentation has been used showing a relationship that started in 1983.

Advocates help those who are disabled, elderly, or impaired in the areas of finding or maintaining a home, securing a job, transportation, or just for compionship.

"Friendships are a natural thing," Penny said. There is "equal sharing" between the two people.

"It would be great if every town didn't need one, if nobody was waiting for a friend," they said.

But unfortunately, many who are disabled, elderly or impaired lack that special bond acquired through a special friend and the WDCA does need advocates. It also needs volunteers for fundraising, publicity and as Board Members. A handbook for advocates is available to those who are interested.

One future goal is to have crisis advocates such as lawyers and doctors, people too busy to visit someone daily or weekly, but available by phone.

For information, contact the WDCA, 107 East Main St., or call 788-0546.

Focus on hospital orderlies

Graduates find jobs

Students in the hospital orderly program at Niagara College's Mount Carmel Centre in Niagara Falls can look forward to good job placement in spite of changing trends at area hospitals.

Willie Ostrander, program coordinator, said more than 75 percent of the graduates who actively sought work in the field found jobs as orderlies.

However, a standard source for many of these jobs may be coming to an end, as hospitals are "phasing out orderlies in favor of registered nursing assistants," Mrs. Ostrander said. An additional module allows orderlies to earn RNA certification.

Other areas

RNAs have more experience and are of a higher classification than orderlies; this makes them more desirable to have on staff hospitals, Mrs. Ostrander said. This means that graduates have to look for work in other areas like old age homes or through home care agencies.

Most of the students are reluctant to look for work outside of the Niagara Region. "There are jobs — if the students look for them," she said. "There is a lot of work available in Kitchener, Guelph and London, providing the student is willing to relocate."

"The role of an orderly is to care for the male patients and catheterization.

Students are trained in the special needs of geriatric, diabetic and epileptic patients as well.

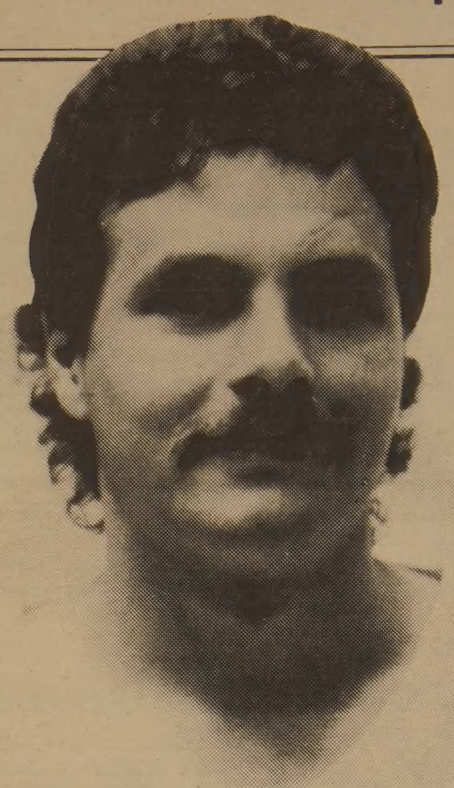
Special training

The orderly program is run largely through Canada Employment and Immigrations Commission as it purchases 16 of the 27 available seats. The remaining seats are available for fee-paying students or those in other training programs like the one offered by Workers' Compensation.

A great deal of practical experience is provided for the student. The program runs 600 hours, 330 in clinical work at three area hospitals, Greater Niagara General, Welland County General and Shaver Hospital, and 270 in the classroom.

The 20-week program has been held twice each year. Declining enrolment may mean the program will be held only once this year. However, a final decision on this has not been reached.

Admission requirements are that the student have a Grade 10 education or is of mature standing and passes an entrance exam.



STEPHEN SCHWOOB

Dear Steve

Dear Steve,

Just a few lines to let you know how much I appreciate the care and compassion you have shown "my Mom" and the other residents at Grandview.

I wish you could stay at the Lodge. Mom does not talk a lot about the people at Grandview — when she talked about you, I knew you must have been very understanding towards her. I think she misses the attention of my one brother in Edmonton. He is coming by in May to see Mom.

I told Mrs. Clarke how much I appreciate you and the other students who have been at the Lodge recently.

I did my best to keep Mom in our family home until last year. The decision had to be made for her to be looked after 24 hours. I couldn't ask for a finer home than Grandview!

Thank you Steve and very best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,
Carolyn McCormick
(Elsie Cossar's daughter)

A letter of gratitude is just as good as high grades in showing the success of Stephen Schwoob, hospital orderly student. Stephen has graduated and is now working at Grandview Lodge in Dunnville.

Student finds work gratifying

Working as an orderly is more enjoyable than Stephen Schwoob of Dunnville first thought it would be. Stephen, 22, feels that he has found his niche in life.

"I didn't know if I would like being an orderly when I started," he said. "But I did."

Without any prior experience, Stephen said he took the course because he thought he'd like to work with people. While he has not found the job to be physically strenuous, it is emotionally draining.

While serving his field placement at Grandview Lodge in Dunnville, Stephen had to deal with some patients suffering from mental illness. "The first time for me was scary. I never knew what to expect."

FRUSTRATING

Some of these patients were not able to do anything for themselves and, at times, he found this to be frustrating. Communicating with these people was difficult at first but with experience it became easier.

Because of his success in working with patients at Grandview Lodge, Stephen has been hired to work there for the summer. If everything works out well, he hopes to be able to stay there full-time.

"You don't get the same procedures at Grandivew as you would get in a hospital," he said. "For instance, there is no catheterization to be done, but everything else is pretty much the same."

He would like to get his registered nursing asssistant certification in the future, but wants to work as an orderly for a while first.

"Being an RNA is pretty much the same as an orderly. The only difference would be the rate of pay."

While Stephen has found that he enjoys the work, he said it may not be for everyone. "You have to have the right personality to do the job. Not everyone is suited to it.

Root cause of illness, disease is spiritual

By ELENOR GIBSON
Staff Writer

The major causes of illness are primarliy spiritual, Rev. Graham Thorpe, district warden of the Order of St. Luke, says.

Referring to the root cause of illness and disease in humanity, Mr. Thorpe said the order believes that the ministry of Jesus Christ was as much a ministry of healing physical and mental illnesses, as it was of preaching the gospel. The two go together, and Jesus not only talked about God's love, but actually demonstrated it by His concern to heal and mend damaged human beings.

The order has 7,000 members in North America and a small chapter in Britain. Even though its origin is in the United States in the Episcopal or Anglican church, it now embraces all denominations.

Mr. Thorpe feels the order is an example of what the Christain faith should be because they all work together. "We have the common belief that Jesus Christ still heals today and the church should be an instrument of this healing," he said. "One of the aspects of this healing is that there shouldn't be any denominational boundaries and there should be a healing of divisions."

Harold Jane, leader of the Welland/Port Colborne chapter, and a Presbyterian, feels the best thing he found in the Welland/Port Colborne chapter is the wonderful fellowship, love and concern among the members. The chapter, founded in 1980, includes among its members, Pentacostal, Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and United, he said.

Mr. Thorpe has been rector of St. Brendan's Anglican Church in Port Colborne since 1978; he joined the order in the fall of that year. He was voted Warden of Region No. 8, which encompasses the whole province of Ontario, in 1983. His term of office ends in June at the annual conference being held this year in Kingston.

The order was founded by an Episcopalian minister, John Gayner Banks, and his wife, Ethel Tolloch Banks, in the United States in 1932.

Members of St. Luke reach out their ministry of healing by paying many visits to hospitals promoting the order, Mr. Jane said. There are quite a few doctors involved in the order. Three area doctors and many nurses belong to the St. Catharines chapter.

Mr. Thorpe said that, surprisingly, there are a number of ministers and lay people who are not interested. They feel all healing is done by the medical profession and not by Jesus Christ.

He said Christian healing should take place as a normal part of every congregational activity. "If every congregation had a healing service once a week or twice a month, they wouldn't need us then," he said.

All members of the Order of St. Luke must go through a training period. They should be considered in the same light as the disciples viewed their ordination to the healing ministry of Christ. It's a deep responsibility and high privilege.

NRLC teach illiterate reading and writing

By CARRI EMERICK
Staff Writer

It's hard to imagine not being able to read or write — not being able to read a road map, telephone book or directions on a bottle of medicine. But for 66,000 English-speaking people in the Niagara Region, even such basic tasks are impossible.

Darlene Cutler, a trainer at the Niagara Region Literacy Council, said the "problem is just too big, just too vast" as if "all of Welland and Pelham were illiterate."

The Council motto is "each one teach one" but the situation is so severe that each tutor would have to take on another 206 students to combat the problem.

The NRLC, which began eight years ago, has two major stumbling blocks — a lack of volunteers and lack of funding.

It is so short of volunteers that some people in Niagara Falls have been waiting two years for a tutor.

"This is an area that just cries out for people who can make the world a better place, one brick at a time," Mrs. Cutler said.

The council had been surviving from hand to mouth until last year when it received a $30,000 one-year grant from the federal government to recruit youth volunteers during International Youth Year.

Mrs. Cutler has "always been seriously involved with literacy." A Niagara College educational resource technician graduate, she found a brochure in the library and now spends an average of 20 hours a week working with the NRLC.

In a society which is becoming more and more complex, illiteracy places a person at a tremendous disadvantage. Job applications can't be filled, newspapers or bills read, letters can't be written to friends or stories read to children.

As Mrs. Cutler said, "you can't stand up for your rights — you have to trust someone else."

Ceremony June 14

Niagara College will hold its Convocation ceremonies on Saturday, June 14.

The schools of Business and Applied Sciences and Technology will hold their graduations in the morning, and the school of Applied Arts and Health Sciences in the afternoon. The ceremonies are to be held at Centennial High School.

"The college is looking forward to seeing as many as possible come out and wish they all have success in finding good jobs and lots of happiness in their future careers," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Hard work paying off for grad

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

Randy Vant, a 1977 human relations graduate of the college now working for Crystal Beach amusement park, has paid his dues since graduating and all his hard work is starting to pay off.

Since graduating, Mr. Vant studied at Brock University for one year and completed a two-year program in drug addiction counselling in one year at George Brown College.

He has also worked at a drug addiction counselling centre in St. Catharines, an insurance salesman for 3½ years and at Darien Lake for two years in the sales department before he started working at Crystal Beach last November.

In his position as group sales manager at Crystal Beach, Mr. Vant says the analytical, theoretical and communications skills that the program taught him have benefited him by giving him an edge over other job applicants.

UNDERSTANDING HELPS

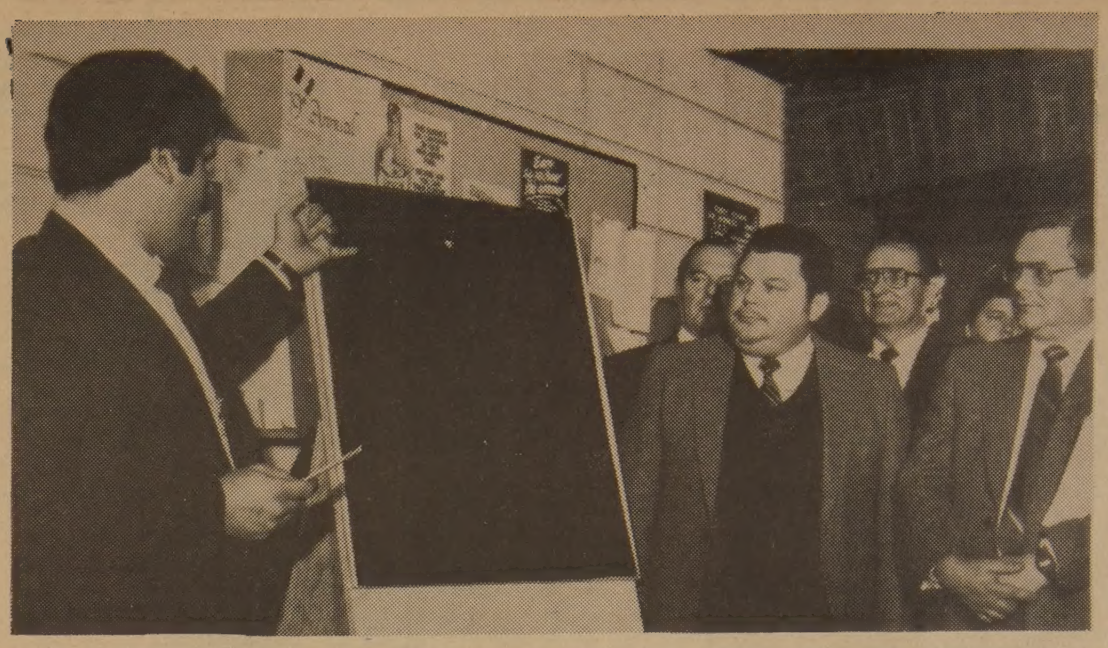
"Understanding what other people are thinking and being more aware of different cultures helps in preparing the right type of presentation for prospective customers," Mr. Vant said.

While dealing mainly in sales, Mr. Vant must call on his versatility while on the job. Besides managing the sales department and working to keep present business and attract new customers, he helps organize group picnics and is involved with City Council meetings working closely with the government concerning any expansions.

The size of groups Mr. Vant deals with can vary from 100 to 3,000 people and includes companies like Atlas Steel and Union Carbide.

Mr. Vant's advice to present college students searching for jobs is to look for six to eight hours a day, breaking up the day into activities like researching jobs, answering ads, going around town and making contacts.

"You should not worry about the interview as the person hiring has more at stake and is probably more worried than you," he said. "You will appear more impressive and going the extra mile will show you are able to produce."



Gary Morningstar, grandson of the late Ellis Morningstar looks towards the plaque along with his uncles, Walter and Bill Morningstar, and Mayor Roland Hardy and MP Allen Pietz.
Photo by Martin Pokol

Ceremony honors contributions of Welland MLA Ellis Morningstar

More than 100 people crowded into the first floor lounge in Simcoe Building April 11 to pay tribute to the late Ellis Price Morningstar and unveil a bronze plaque that will become part of the college.

Mr. Morningstar, MLA for Welland from 1951 to 1975, was the driving force behind having Niagara College located in Welland. For that reason, the college was chosen for the permanent site of the plaque.

Politicians from all levels of government shared personal memories of Ellis Morningstar the man, and the politician.

"We need people like Ellis Morningstar in our society," Mel Stewart, MLA for Welland, said.

Mayor Roland Hardy remembered Mr. Morningstar for his willingness to help those in need, regardless of their political loyalties. "The people of Welland will never forget Ellis Morningstar."

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was unable to attend and sent a letter describing Mr. Morningstar as "the rarest of people."

Others attending included Mr. Morningstar's sons, Bill and Walter; his grandson, Gary Morningstar; MP Allan Pietz; John Turner, president of the Student Administrative Council; and Hans van der Slagt, representing college president Jacqueline Robarts. Many other friends, family members, dignitaries and media personnel were present.

As a recording of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," Mr. Morningstar's theme song, was played, Gary unveiled the plaque. The ceremony ended with a prayer and the National Anthem.

Gary feels that his grandfather has "earned a position of historical significance." With the help of the volunteer committee, he raised funds and organized the ceremony as a lasting reminder of Ellis Morningstar's contribution to Welland. After the unveiling, he presented a plaque to the volunteer committee thanking them for their hard work.

Nine best in French graduate

Nine students will receive certificates of proficiency in June for having completed the sequence of nine levels of Le Francais International. They are the first group in the Niagara Region to attain this level.

The students are: Kathryn Banyai, Eleanor Copeland, Bette Ferguson, director of student services; Janet Halsey, Gary Hodgson, Theresa Lee, Jack Luce, Rudolf Masswohl and John Siemens.

It was difficult for many and they needed patience. As continuing education courses must have an enrolment of at least 12, students sometimes had a long wait before enough participants were available for a course at the next level.

They are proud of their ability and enjoy speaking French. "We play Trivial Pursuit at lunch in French," Mrs. Ferguson said.

The students encouraged beginners to persevere. Having French as a second language is worth the effort, they said.

Mr. Siemens, an accountant, said he will be able to use his French skills in business. Mr. Masswohl, a manager, will be able to use his French on a trip to France.

Anyway, he said, he cannot wait to "read both sides of the can."

All the students enrolled in a new course, Vivre en Francais, taught in the winter term by Lise Alain. It was intended to teach French culture as well as language, to make idioms familiar and to help students analyse and comment on facts and situations.

New hours for library

New library hours will give evening students in the spring term the opportunity to have full use of library services.

Beginning today, the Welland resource centre will remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., giving night students the chance to use its services before class.

Normally the library would close early during the spring term, but Trish Labonte, head librarian, agrees with the continuing education department that evening students should be given equal opportunity for library use.

The extended-hours policy will end July 4.

Members welcome

Unicycle Club new wheel in town

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

The snow melts and out come the go-carts, dirt bikes and skate boards. There has to be a quieter way for neighborhood thrillseekers to move around without actually going anywhere, except the path of oncoming cars.

Pogo sticks and rollerskates are passe. Everyone has a bike. So what is left? Throw up your hands like a crazed roller coaster rider and go where the wind takes you — on a unicycle.

The St. Catharines Unicycle Club is now forming. Its founders are Dan and Lori Elder.

The Elders started riding last summer. They bought a unicycle last summer from their landlord who had bought it in Texas. It took them four or five months to learn to ride.

Since then they have ridden in Santa Claus parades in Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake and a Labor Day Parade. The Elders ride instead of going for walks.

"It's healthy and a lot harder than riding a bike," Mr. Elder said. "You cannot coast for your stomach muscles steer it."

Bicycle shops do not usually carry unicycles but they can be ordered. Despite this, he said that quite a few had been sold in the area but abandoned in basements.

Unicycles come in all sizes. Mr. Elder is building a six-foot cycle costing $300. The largest he has seen was a 10-foot cycle owned by an Ohio group.

Two on one go hand in hand

Photo by JACK BRITT

A $25 membership fee covers all safety equipment. Equipment such as helmet, knee pads and elbow pads is mandatory for persons 18 and younger.

"It looks easy but it's not," Mr. Elder said. "Kids ask to ride, but merely fall on their backs."

The club has written up a waiver to protect itself from injuries. Anyone 18 and younger must obtain a consent form from parents.

The St. Catharines Unicycle Club meets Tuesday nights at the Canadian Tire on Glendale Avenue.

Anyone with a cycle can join now for "hands off" experience.

Need job? Join army

Graduating with no job in sight? Want a career but don't know where to look, or do you just want a job that pays well? The Canadian Armed Forces may be the solution to your problems.

A presentation of the Canadian Armed Forces was held at Niagara College on April 3. Captain Ken Bettes and Sgt. Derek Stasford told students that the Armed Forces offers training in many trades. Some trades offer a salary of almost $40,000 a year, depending on how long one decides to stay in the Armed Forces.

The initial enlistment is like a contract. Once signed on the dotted line, one becomes a member of the Armed Forces for a minimum of three years. After that, one can either leave or stay with the Armed Forces. The Armed Forces may not be the right career for everyone.

"I like it; you might not," Sgt. Stafford said.

The Armed Forces is just an employer, Capt. Bettes said. For people who cannot find a job or do not like the field they are in, the Armed Forces is a willing employer.

"We're not saying come on down and join us," Capt. Bettes said. "Finish your college education first; then come to the recruiting office if you are still interested in the Armed Forces."

The nearest recruiting office is at 241 St. Paul St., St. Catharines. Students can apply any time but probably will not be accepted immediately.

Entertainment

Jury duty involves audience

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Witness for the Prosecution, from start to finish, provided enough red herrings to satisfy a quorum of cats. From one moment to the next, one was never quite certain who was the guilty party.

The opening act of the play, which opened at the Press Theatre in St. Catharines April 18, introduces a very nervous young man who fears he is about to be charged with murdering a wealthy older woman. He has come to the office of a respected, and successful lawyer for help in proving his innocence.

Leonard Vole, played by Dee McCaffery, appears to be naive, impetuous and he is the owner of a highly improbable alibi. The lawyer, Sir Wilfred Robarts, played by Don Keppy, must prove that his client is innocent. This sets the tone of the courtroom trial in the second act.

The second act takes place solely in the courtroom, even when the court itself is in recess. It is here that testimony is heard from witnesses brought in by the prosecution. The dead woman's housekeeper, Janet MacKenzie, is portrayed by Claire Crawford while Judy Leigh-Johnson is Mr. Vole's bitter, wicked wife, Romaine.

Shocking

In true Agatha Christie fashion, shocking new evidence is brought in just as the trial is about to conclude. After much protesting by the prosecution, it is presented to the jury, which then brings in a verdict.

The jury is special since its members are made up of members of the audience, chosen before the play began. At intermission, an imposing police officer came to the lounge calling for persons to report for jury duty. "People are supposed to own up to this," the officer, played by John Masswohl, said.

The foreman of the jury was played by St. Catharines Mayor Joe McCaffery. A different guest foreman was to appear every night.

The climax of the play comes after the jury has given its verdict. And court is dismissed. Under no circumstances should anyone think they know who did what in this drama. Very little is the way it seems.

The play itself masterfully combines suspense and comedy. A tense moment may be followed by the rambling thoughts of Sir Wilfred, who often spouts such nonsense as, "You can't trust a woman." At one point he laments the fact that he can't use a wife's oddities as evidence.

A pleasing note is the inclusion of a woman as the judge. Justice Wainright, played by Gail Roberts, often renders seemingly learned and wise decisions.

The play was the last offering from the Press Theatre for this season. It ended its run April 20.

The cast and crew of the Caucasian Chalk Circle gathered during a rehersal at the Theatre Centre. Seated on the floor, front right, is guest director Gary Schallenberg.

College Theatre Centre

Final production of season

By SUSAN BACON
Staff Writer

There was a story to be told on opening night at the Niagara College Theatre Centre, a human story.

The Caucasian Chalk Circle, the last play written by playwright Bertolt Brecht in 1945, is a story of love, of war, of struggle and of justice, sprinkled with humor to produce a unique flavor.

The play opened Tuesday night and runs at the Theatre Centre until Wednesday, April 30.

With a cast of 14 portraying more than 100 characters under the direction of guest director Gary Schallenberg, this play within a play unfolds with a prologue set in a Third World country that raises the question of land possession. Should possession be nine tenths of the law?

Margaret Ferencz is the storyteller as the play begins and with a magical quality that holds one spellbound narrates throughout the course of the story.

Wooden walkways tower above centre stage wrapped around the set to encompass and therefore recognize the audience's presence.

The walkways allowed the illusion of distant travel as Grusha, a servant girl, portrayed by Sherry Lee Chandler, is forced by civil war to flee from the governor's palace with an infant thoughtlessly left behind by the governor's self-centred wife.

Dynamic

A strong dynamic performance by Sherry Lee taps the audience's emotions as she travels far and wide leaving behind, with a promise to wait, the soldier Simon, portrayed by Brad Massingham, whom she loves.

Simplicity stimulates the imagination. For instance, a ladder, ropes and mime create a disastrously dilapidated rope bridge that Grusha must cross if she is to escape and save the baby Michael.

Darren R. Levstek's humorous portrayal of Gusha's peasant husband, supposedly on his death bed, colors a situation of despair with hues of laughter. The audience participated in the marriage-funeral festivities as cakes were offered to them to celebrate or mourn.

The judicial system takes an unusual twist when a poor man's magistrate, Azdak, played by Matt Handy, is given the judge's seat.

Sometimes a coward, he recklessly glories in his new found power as he dictates remarkable sentences to those in his courtroom.

Guest director Gary Schallenberg is active in many areas of Canada, and is known for his work at the Manitoba Theatre Centre. At present, he is artisitc director of Assiniboine Theatre in Winnipeg.

A thought-provoking play, The Caucasion Chalk Circle is sure to tap one's emotions.

The Theatre Centre's final production for the 1985-86 season runs from April 22 to April 30. Tickets can be obtained by calling the box office at 735-0550. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for students and seniors and $2 for Niagara College students.

Brock society to present papers

The Brock Philosophical Society will present four papers for discussion this Friday (May 2) on the topic, The Goddesses and the Madonna. The session in the senate chambers will hear papers by David Goicoechea of Brock; Cathy Pead, Hamilton Area chaplain; David Kinsley of McMaster on religion, and Yue Daiyn of Beijing on literature.

Papers will include Reflections upon Hopkins' poem The Blessed Virgin compared to the air We Breathe, and Goddesses and Women in Chinese Culture.

Arm wrestling at bash

A Monster Arm Wrestling tournament will be held at the Year End Bash on April 30.

Monster arm wrestling is a variation of old fashioned wrist wrestling. An arm wrestling machine is used instead of two people wrestling against each other. Using the machine eliminates injuries such as broken arms which could occur from arm wrestling.

To make the competition fair different weight categories are set up. Weigh in time is from 4:30 until 5 p.m.

The competition is open to all Niagara College students but there is a limit of 50 participants.

The tournament will take place at the Aqua Duck between 5 and 7 p.m.

For more information contact the SAC office.

Festival Director

Rick Bauer, a 1976 graduate in advanced theatre arts, has been appointed Artistic Director for the Mariposa Folk Festival 1986.

Mr. Bauer said a meeting of the old and new can be expected at the festival which runs from July 11 to July 13 at Molson Park in Barrie. He sees the festival as "traditional and contemporary folk in harmony."

His own background as a guitarist, banjo and fiddle player, enhances his desires to "create and bring together a rich mosaic of cultures at a common meeting place."

Mr. Bauer, a native of Simcoe, Ont., became involved in the arts as a self-taught musician and short film maker at the Simcoe Composite School. He continued his musical career while in Niagara's theatre program from which he graduated with honors.

He settled in Halifax, after touring as a musician, and it was there that his skills in production and organization were recognized.

In 1983, Mr. Bauer was elected general co-ordinator of the Harbor Folk Society in Halifax.

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LISA JACQUES

Lisa wins NBMA bike raffle

The Niagara Business Management Association's bike raffle has a winner — finally. The Student Administrative Council drew a winning ticket April 16 and Lisa Jacques, 19, of 377 Davis St., Port Colborne, won the 10-speed Raleigh bike.

Lisa, a first-year human relations student, said she bought the winning ticket last October but had feared that the draw would never take place.

The NBMA club has now folded but, as Donna Flutur, SAC's secretary, said, may well revive next term as long as there is enough interest.

Last January, SAC asked then club president Dino Giammarco to return the club books after "concerned club members" complained about some club practices and asked why no draw had been made in the fund-raising raffle.

Donna said SAC members asked for Dino's resignation.

Peer tutoring for students successful

Peer tutoring has just experienced its most successful year to date at Niagara College, Duane Orr, counsellor, said.

So far this year, 244 students have been involved in this program of students helping students. Last term the 117 students who took part were asked to assess the program. Fifty-five per cent of those who responded said they would have failed without the program.

The availability of student tutors in any given program depends on demand. "We come up with proficient tutors to fill these requests," Mr. Orr said.

Another counsellor, Sue Arnedt, said counsellors would like it to be necessary for any student who is considering quitting to consult the department.

"Many students have been kept in school because of the tutoring program," she said.

Sometimes, change in format is responsible for courses not having available tutors. For this reason computer tutors were not available this year.

Courses covered on a continual basis with available tutors include accounting, biology, calculus, English, physics and air conditioning and refrigeration. Others are made available on request by matching the student needing the help with a student proficient enough to help.

The peer tutoring service is available at all campuses provided for by the joint effort of the college, Student Administrative Council and the Ontario Student Assistance Program.

Hi-tech Prep student wins $1,000 bursary

Louise Cadieux, a student in the 32-week Hi-Tech Prep program, has won a $1,000 bursary enabling her to further her education this fall in technology.

She will be the first recipient of the YWCA of St. Catharines bursary enabling her to continue her education in the technical program of her choice at the college.

Women are given preference in entering the high tech program, Shirley Roberto, program counsellor, said. But one man is now enrolled.

This program, funded by the Ministry of Skills Development, enables students to gain basic knowledge in mathematics and sciences before entering a desired technical program offered at the college.

There are a few requirements: Grade 10 or equivalent, and the attitude of working hard.

The bursary is only given to women from St. Catharines; they must either have lived in the city or have gone to school there. To be considered for the bursary, applicants must have worked for a volunteer organization and must show their commitment to the program.

Ms. Cadieux was to be awarded her $1,000 Bursary on April 26, at Brock University's Pond Inlet.

Cancer campaign seeking $63,000

The Welland and District unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is seeking $63,000 in its 1986 campaign to assist the fight against cancer.

The unit helped 148 patients last year by such services as giving dressings, gauze squares, housekeeping services, wigs, and is actively helpig 130 patients now.

Patient services which have 18 volunteers and 25 drivers offer comfort and support to patients and their families in cancer clinics and lodges.

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Third World poverty

Symposium educates communities

By GARY BELLINGER
Staff Writer

Increasing people's awareness in communities like Welland and St. Catharines about poverty in the Third World and giving them a better understanding can be a trying experience.

With the growing financial troubles that more and more countries are experiencing, governments are turning away from the growing poverty gap between the poor and the rich nations of the world.

Raising people's awareness and consciousness is the key to these problems, a recent symposium was told.

The symposium sponsored by World University Services Canada (WUSC) March 13, discussed two issues in world development. WUSC is a Canadian-wide organization set up in universities to promote world development.

Virginia Smith, co-author of the book, Perpetuating Poverty, spoke about the success, or failure, of Canadian aid. Her speech was followed by a panel discussion on Canadian aid and how it can be improved.

TO BE EFFECTIVE

Ms. Smith said emergency aid must be centered on long-term development to be effective. Her main contention with Canadian aid is that it is tied to the developing country buying Canadian goods which may not benefit the country as goods from another country could.

"Eighty per cent of Canada's bilateral aid takes the form of tied aid, leaving it second only to Austria," Ms. Smith said.

This occurred when Canadian University Services Organization (CUSO) received $6 million to build wells for a project. This was tied to the stipulation that Canadian manufactured goods must be used, although CUSO was aware a pump made in India was much better suited.

Ms. Smith said people must be made more aware of the need for increased basic needs aid but feels there is still too much lip service towards basic needs aid. Sending food aid year after year can harm the ability of local farming in developing countries to become self-sufficient, thereby defeating the purpose of the aid.

HIGH COST

Denis Marantz, logistics co-ordinator for the Africa Emergency Relief Office in Ottawa, said during the panel discussion that the cost of food aid is being set high to attempt to lower the dependence of the local people on it. This, it is hoped, will raise local farmer awareness of the need of self-sufficiency in food production.

An increasingly important link in the development process belongs in the print and television media, Mr. Marantz said.

"There must be an increased awareness in the media community about their responsiblity to the Canadian public to create a sustained public interest while the famine countries are still struggling in the recovery phase, since allowing interest to fade would only allow famine to once again return to crisis levels," he said.

MORE HELP

Another part in the development process is the non-governmental organization which relies on government, public donations, and volunteer help. One organization, the Mennonite Central Committee, was represented by Nancy Cressman, Ontario division co-ordinator for African relief. She said she adheres to the saying, "Give a person a fish and he will live for a day; teach a person to fish and he will live for a lifetime."

"A constant complaint heard was that we cannot fish if we cannot go to the lake...it is nice to share but we must be allowed an equal opportunity to trade," Mrs. Cressman said.

Barbara McLean, WUSC representative, said in the panel discussion that, during the time she spent in Ethiopia and Sudan, their work was more as a partnership with the host country and they consulted the hosts in all levels of the aid project.

"As a result, the Ethiopia team now consists of seven WUSC representatives and 200 Ethiopians," Mrs. McLean said. "We always try to take our experts to the people who understand the land and can show us how to best apply the technology."

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Caucasian Chalk Circle

The prologue begins the tale of the Chalk Circle. Margaret Ferencz, centre, has the group of players thoroughly engrossed as Arkadi Tscheid, the storyteller.

Photo by Jack Britt

New manager plans for Innovation Centre

BY SUE DORSEY
Staff writer

Newly-appointed manager of the Innovation Centre Elmer Wick hopes to create new businesses and better the ones that exist in the Niagara Region.

The centre, a creation of the provincial Conservative government, is the only one in the Niagara Peninsula and will be funded by the Ministry of Industry and trade at Niagara College.

In his former job, Mr. Wick helped create a self-sustaining community with the help of volunteers and the private sector. The Township of Ignace was about to suffer shut-downs in the industry which was the community's livelyhood — Mining. About 150 mining jobs and 200 related jobs were to be lost.

With the help of the program, and with Mr. Wick as director, the community was helped to become self-supporting. The program is continuing.

HELD JOBS

Mr. Wick has held several jobs such as director of parks and recreation, director of community services and recreation and did private consulting work.

He has held a number of jobs and "I never held a job that the title reflected what I did."

While referring to himself, Mr. Wick uses words such as workoholic, and with his level of energy it is no wonder.

He realizes the problem of a business because he opened a sports store and operated it for three years.

With his ability to "speak the language of entrepeneurs,"Mr. Wick hopes the centre will get to know industry and industry will get to know it.

PROUD OF HIS WORK

He is proud of his work record and considers it a show piece. Having experiences such as these will help him in the management of the Innovation Centre.

ELMER WICK

With the centre he hopes to offer services that are offered nowhere else.

Working with Mr. Wick on the board of directors will be Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College; Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of student affairs, and George Repar, planning and development officer.

"I am greatly impressed with the college's resources," Mr. Wick said, and he believes this will give the Innovation Centre a head start.

Countinuing Ed

Courses available not in calendar

When the continuing education calendar for Spring 1986, came out, some students became upset because the courses they wanted to take were not listed.

Dennis Malone, chairman of communications, social sciences, and general studies, had the answer. "The courses were submitted after the due date," he said. The deadline for publication is set far in advance, for example; "The deadline for the fall calendar is April 14."

Some courses are listed only in the computer; these are courses that missed the deadline, or non-credit courses with a limited following. "If we limit ourselves to the courses in the calendar, we would miss out," Mr. Malone said.

It takes a minimum of 12 students and a teacher with a common interest to get a course started.

Not only can the college offer a specific course at a specific time, but also at a specific place. As long as attendance makes it worthwhile to the college,"we can literally go with the demands of the students," Mr. Malone said.

Although these courses are not listed in the calendar, the message travels by word of mouth. The course develops a following over time. As an example, Mr. Malone said the Watercolor course started this way and now there are three levels.

The following is a list of courses found only in the computer, prepared by the continuing education staff.

COMPUTER: Microcomputers and Management, Decoration de gateau, Family Life Education.

FRONTLINE NETWORKING CONFERENCE: Examining Two Approaches: 24 hour Planning & Normalization; Parents and Teachers Working Together; The Prevocational Panel; Load/Run: Age Appropriate Computer Training; The Diversity of the Residential Counsellor; Peer Tutoring Program; New Vocational Directions; An Introduction to Speech and Language Disorders; Creative Use of Resources; The Role of Resource Teachers; The Psychiatric Outreach Program; Community/Institution Panel; Dinner and Speaker Only.

General Construction Training; Health Care Aide — Level I; Health Care Aide—Level II; Health Care Aide—Level III;

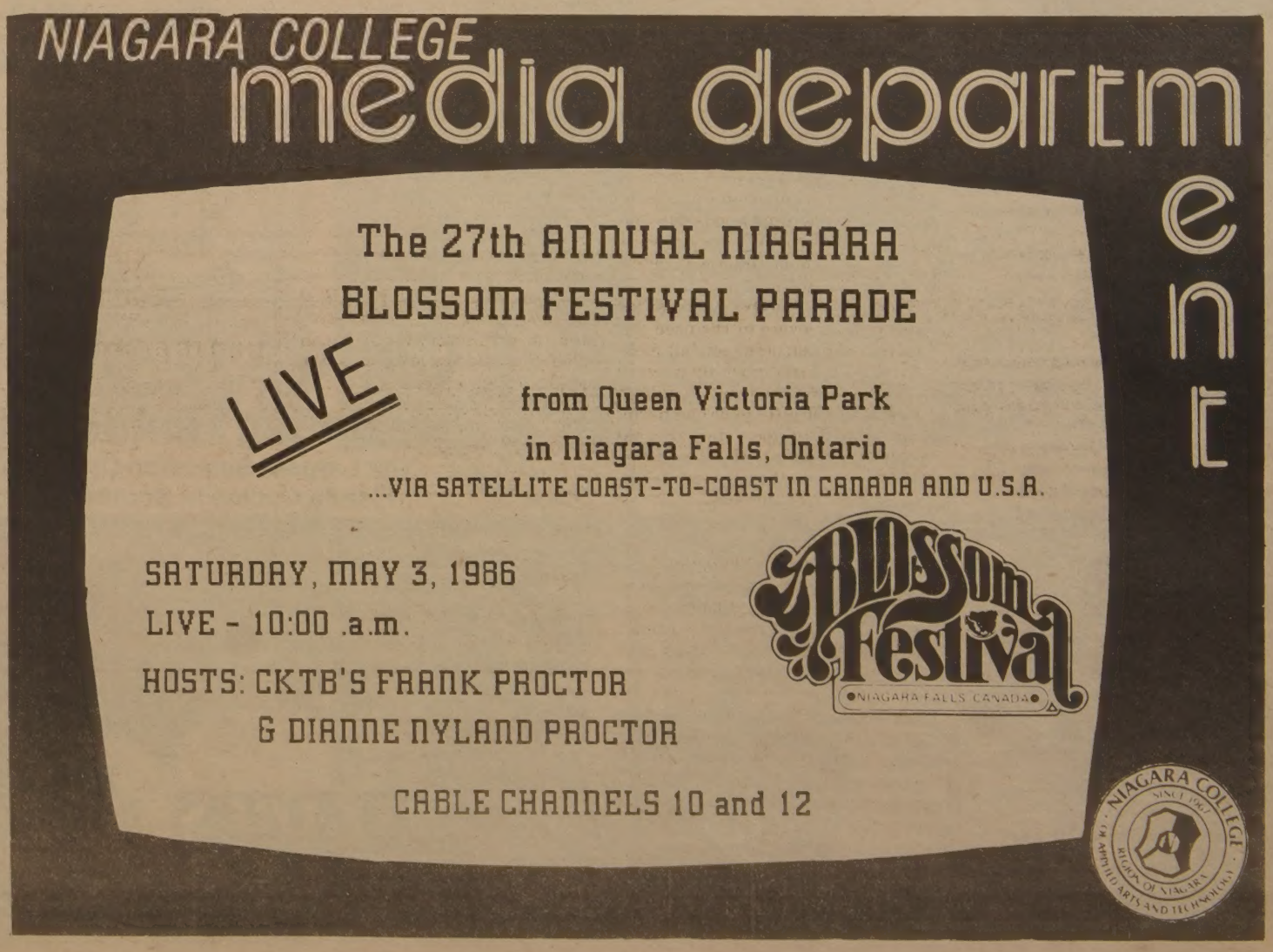
HERSTORY: A History of Women's Work; Human Relations I; Hybrid Microelectronics, fundamentals of; Le tricot et le crochet.

Management for Hospital Personnel, Essentials; Mental Retardation: causation, identification and prevention; OMDP (Ontario Management Development Program): Effective Supervision; PLC Intensive Workshop I; Principles and Techniques; Program Planning I — individual program planning; Psychosocial Dimensions of Aging; Real Estate — Commercial; Testing — Fuel Safety; Vocational Assessment.

Pollution seminar

A one-day seminar, Living and Working in a Polluted Environment, to be held in St. Catharines next month will focus on two issues of concern to Niagara, acid rain and toxic wastes.

The seminar will be sponsored by the St. Catharines and District Labor council in co-operation with Niagara College's labor studies and continuing education, and with the assistance of the Ontario Federation of Labor.



Sports

Intramural basketball champs

Team Way Outs emerged as champoins in intramural men's basketball with a final win over the school faculty. The team the Way Outs were, back row from left, Colin Reid, Dusan Nikolic and Paul Preiano. Front row from left, John Sciarra, John Ingribelli, Lorenzo Sciarra and Rene Plouffe. The team won six straight games with a point spread of 25 in each game except the final. They played the final against the school faculty, which included one student, and won 35-23.

Photo by JACK BRITT

Athletic Banquet attendance down

By DOUGLAS IVES
Staff Writer

Attendance at the Niagara College Athletic Banquet, held April 11, was down from earlier years. As one person said, one the way to a Niagara Knights' hockey game, a banquet broke out.

Peter Rylander, director of college athletics who kept the banquet moving in a Johnny Carson-like style, explained the banquet was smaller than in years past because the budget was reduced due to lower enrolment.

Following a nourishing meal of fresh fruit and vegetables to keep athletes and coaches in top shape, the evening started with a video presentation on a screen behind the head table.

John Wells, announcer with Canada's sports network TSN, opened the festivities with a video taped message welcoming everyone to the banquet.

The evening was an interesting mix of taped interviews and introductions and live speakers and presentations.

Members of the varsity teams had a chance to introduce themselves to the audience on the prerecorded tape.

To the great amusement of the audience many of the out takes were left in the video presentation and there were many amusing spots.

Entertaining

The humor was not lost with the live speakers all of whom did a good job in keeping the evening light and entertaining. There were no long speeches to slow down the event, just sincere congratulations to the winners and participants.

Due to the budget reductions the intramural teams could not be invited but awards were given out to the most dedicated and the most outstanding competitors.

Some of the men's basketball team were missing; most readily noticed was Fred Jashanmal, the six-foot eight-inch centre from Fonthill, who won the Freshman Athletes of the year award. Fred was involved in a basketball tournament with some other Niagara players.

Awards

Nancy Thomson, of Smith Falls who played on the women's basketball team and is considered the most congenial player, won the other Freshman Athelete of the year award.

Carol Brown, of London, won the Athelete of the Year award. Carol played tennis and badminton and won the OCAA silver medal in mixed doubles while playing with Mark D'Anna; in badminton she came second in the OCAA finals.

Mark Nelson, of Niagara Falls and Tom Peat of St. Catharines won the Athletes of the Year award for an unprecedented third year in a row.

The pair won the gold medal in the Canadian College Finals in men's doubles in badminton.

The most Valuable Player Award went to Bob Thrower for hockey, Charlotte Prevost for women's basketball and Marty Fitzgerald for men's basketball. All are from Welland.

The head table guests included: Tony Fisher, SAC vice-president of athletics; John Turner, SAC president; Bette Ferguson, director of student services; Alex Elliot, chairman of the Board of Governors; Kathleen Harvey, SAC president-elect; Leao Robbins, alderman, City of Welland; and Andre Hebert, new SAC vice-president of athletics.

were: Don Papple and Bob Young, curling; Barry Golob and Russ Stevenson, men's basketball; Misette Critelli, women's basketball; David Carpenter, badminton; and Fred Bassi, men's hockey.

Catfish farming for enjoyment more convenient than cattle

By L. SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

Gnarled hands, grimy sweat-soaked clothing and a haggard, weather-beaten appearance is typical of a farmer. Gary Desy is a farmer. He spends hours sitting on a lawn chair leisurely tending to his livestock — catfish.

While his neighbors spend thousands of dollars to feed their cattle, buying what they can't grow themselves, Mr. Desy is given most of his feed which is stale bread.

"This has got to be the best type of farming there is," Mr. Desy said. "There is no large supply of feed needed, they don't require heated buildings or lots of land."

Idle land

Mr. Desy's ranch sits on 28 acres of land on the outskirts of Welland. Most of the land is sitting idle, as his fish farming takes up about one acre. He keeps his fish in a pond which measures 20 by 40 feet, and is 11 feet deep. A relatively small barn on the property is used mostly for storage and a few "eating birds. Mostly chickens."

The catfish are taken out of the pond twice a year and sorted. Fish weighing four pounds or more are kept out, while the smaller fish are put to grow a little more. Most of the fish is sold to restaurants in New York, with some going to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Catfish are scavengers, so the ministry uses them to keep lakes and waterways clean.

He had no intention to farm catfish in the beginning. The pond was needed to provide drainage for his land and he thought that by storing the water, he could use it for his moderate vegetable garden

"Crayfish just sort of appeared in the pond shortly after it was dug. I threw in about six catfish so my son could fish for them when he wanted something to do."

Curious

Two months after he introduced the catfish to the pond, Mr. Desy saw his son John-Paul feeding bread scraps to the fish. "There was more activity in the water than a half-dozen fish would create, so I got curious."

He made a drag net out of mesh onion bags weighted with sinkers. The first time he dragged the pool, Mr. Desy pulled out more than 70 catfish. Most were rather small, so he put them back. Then he got the idea to farm fish.

Now he estimates that he has nearly 200 common catfish, and about 40 coy. Coy is a cousin to the catfish, but has orange, black and white markings.

"I sell the coy to aquariums and hotels who use them for displays in fountains," he said. "The coy are a smaller type of catfish, and are mistaken for large goldfish by most people."

He said that the fish farming is a relaxing hobby. A full-time millwright at General Motors in St. Catharines, Mr. Desy keeps the fish more for enjoyment than profit.

This type of farming is not without its problems. A large snapping turtle has gotten into the pond and may eat all the crayfish — the major part of the catfish's diet. "I've got to get that snapper out of there. Once I do, my problem is solved."

He does have plans to expand his operation. In the spring he will dig another two ponds. One will be used to separate the coy from the other catfish. "The regular cats need room. I'm pulling seven and eight-pounders out of there."

With the second pond, he plans to raise trout just as soon as he works out a water recirculation system. "That may be a bit of a problem," he said. "Trout need lots of fresh water and there has to be a good current for them to spawn in."

While he does have plenty of land available to farm, he is not going to put it to much use.

"Raising cattle is messy, takes expensive equipment and I don't know anything about wheat. Besides, after the fish, farming anything else is too much like work."

Army cadets need quarters

A group of Royal Canadian Army Cadets is hoping to raise one mile of quarters to buy a new meeting place.

Unit 2966 of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets based in Ridgeway started the fund-raising campaign April 18 and hopes to achieve its goal by May 10.

At last count the cadets had collected about 2,000 inches worth of quarters. Their goal is to collect one mile or 63,360 quarters by May 10.

Amy Barkhouse, a corps instructor, said one mile of quarters would amount to about $15,840.

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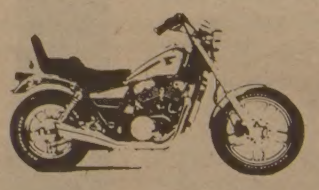

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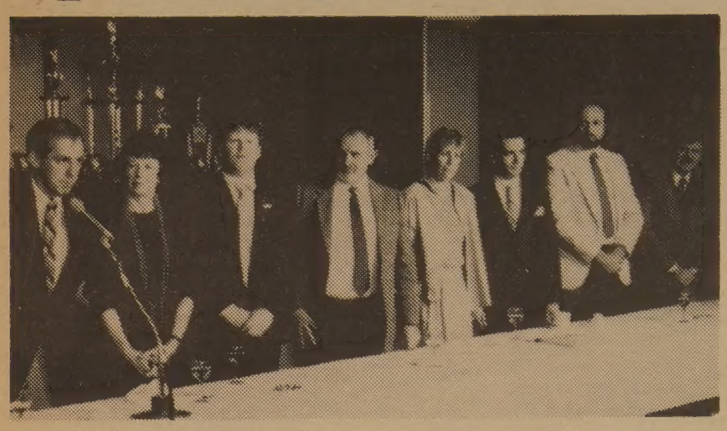
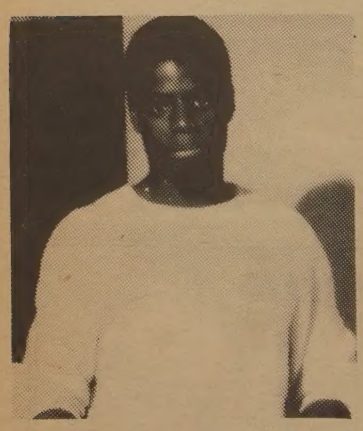
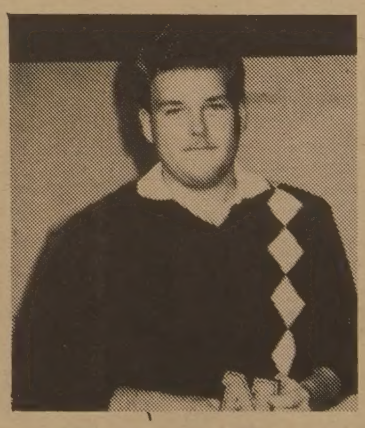
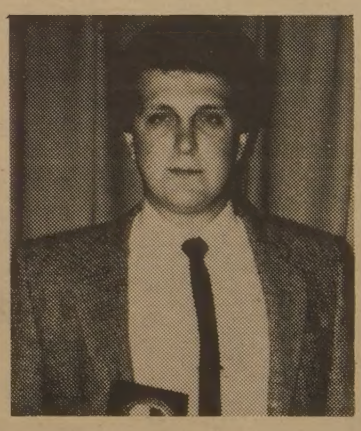


Trophies, letters and pins were awarded Niagara College's athletes at the 17th annual banquet held April 11 in the college cafeteria. News Photographer Martin Pokol caught the recipients of the awards after the presentations. For complete story see Page 10.







Maura Hamill created an artistic atmosphere in Hennepin Hall in which Niagara College students could show their artistic prowess and get a feeling of what it will be like at the College Arts 1986 competition in Ottawa.

Photo by Martin Pokol

College art exhibit 1986

Visual showcase of students' work

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

College Arts 1986, a showcase of visual works by Niagara College students, impressed visitors last week in spite of a poor turnout on opening night.

Works displayed from April 21 to April 25 were placed in the Hennepin Gallery and in the surrounding halls. The programs involved were theatre arts, fine arts, interior design, fashion arts, and journalism. The exhibit had a jury and winners will compete against winners of similar competitions at other colleges.

At the entrance, guests were greeted with colorful costumes from theatre arts productions — turn-of-the-century hats and gowns, colorful costumes and photographs from past productions.

Variety evident

Selections from fine arts included posters, greeting cards and paintings. The paintings and drawings ranged from a portrait of a curious kitten to a series of disturbing pieces featuring skulls and stylized people in agony.

The interior design display included intricate, detailed plans for various rooms. There were floor plans, examples of window treatments, and preliminary proposals, many including fabric and color samples.

Fashion arts had two types of displays — one for fashion and one for advertising. Color photographs lined one wall. The pictures were of clothing designed and modelled, by the students and included a colorful selection of casual and formal wear. Some of the nearby ads were part of assignments given to the students.

A black and white photograph by Sandra Kish, second-year student, was the sole representative from journalism.

$5,000 grants

The entire show was coordinated by Maura Hamill, fashion arts instructor. She said she was "impressed" by the quality of work displayed. Although she "didn't know how many would come," the turnout was disappointing, Ms. Hamill said.

Ms. Hamill was uncertain when the results of the competition would be available. The winner will go on to the regional exhibition for the province in September. The September winner will attend the national exhibition in Ottawa in October. Entrants have the chance to compete for five $5,000 grants.

A student chosen to go to Ottawa will be sponsored for the trip. A catalogue of works displayed in Ottawa will be produced, giving the student wide exposure.

Mythical founders

The mythical founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus, were the sons of the god Mars and a mortal maiden. Cast adrift on the river Tiber, they were rescued by a she-wolf and reared by her until found by a shepherd.

Students join Festival providing wine tasting

Innovative and enthusiastic Tourism-Tours and Attractions students are planning a wine tasting event for September's Niagara Grape and Wine festival.

Providing a "moderately priced" educational wine tasting is the aim of a committee composed of 10 tourism students, committee member Kathryn Jelbert said.

After insurance, conduct and licence matters are arranged and finalized, the wine tasting committee hopes to be tending a wine bar for two weekends in September. Tentative dates scheduled are Sept. 20, 21, 27 and 28.

$5 ADMISSION

A moderate admission charge of about $5 will allow visitors a sample of five different wines.

While deciding on a favorite wine to drink, visitors will be able to speak with winery representatives who will be present to answer questions.

Four Niagara wineries will be represented at the wine tasting, and various other sponsors have agreed to donate food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Len Wallis, festival general manager, is assisting students in planning and promoting the event.

Niagara College has been "really helpful" in providing a suitable location for the wine tasting, and if all contract conditions are met, normal rental fees will be waived, Kathryn said.

Tourism students hope to gain valuable experience in planning and promoting a tourist oriented event, as well as raising funds to help finance a trip to Cartagena, Colombia.

People to suffer

Any interference with nature is damnable. Not only nature but the people will suffer.

-Ojibway wife of Grey Owl, quoted by Robert Martin in the Globe and Mail, June, 9, 1912

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